

Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Anti-Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee Minutes Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Members Present

Jen Dunn, Co-Chair Dawn Helmrich Ron Pupp

Rob Mueller Maura McMahon Hon. Lloyd Carter, Co-Chair

Members Absent

Breanne Bucher JoAnn Eiring Hon. Brad Schimel

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj Janelle McClain Antwayne Robertson

Dana Dorn

Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. Attendees gave brief introductions.

Approve Minutes from July 9, 2019 Meeting

Motion: Mueller moved, second by Pupp, to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2019 CJCC Anti-Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: Overview of Milwaukee Academy's Experience with Human Trafficking Victims

Dana Dorn, Executive Director, provided a brief history of the Milwaukee Academy and stated that Milwaukee County started a workgroup similar to Waukesha County CJCC's Anti-Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee in 2013.

Dorn acknowledged that while there are multiple resources available in Milwaukee County, there are many silos, so the county needs to work on figuring out how the agencies can work together. She commended the fact that many of the Waukesha County social workers have been long-term employees with little turn-over in staff.

Communication between all of the treatment providers is very important, as the teens will do whatever they can to get out of the facility and back to their old lives, falsely convinced that they are in control of their lives when in the community.

Carter arrived at 12:22 p.m.

Law enforcement is a very important partner in the program, as they are often the victim's first contact. Milwaukee Academy is hoping to work with the psychiatric/crisis area of hospitals to provide a respite for victims from the treatment process, if the process proves to be too intense and overwhelming at the time.

In response to a question from Luczaj, Dorn stated that the average length of stay for trafficking victims is 6-9 months, with 15.7 being the average age.

Dunn asked how recommendations are getting to the court and Dorn responded that written reports are not enough; her staff attend court so that the judges can ask questions.

McMahon commented that it would be worthwhile to meet with Milwaukee County's Courts workgroup quarterly to compare and discuss efforts and resources. Attendees agreed that it would be beneficial.

Update on Recent Anti-Human Trafficking Steering Committee Meeting

This agenda item was tabled until a future meeting.

Begin System Mapping Process of Human Trafficking Intersection with Courts

This agenda item was tabled until a future meeting.

Other Items for Discussion

Pupp stated that 10 people have been selected to participate in a train-the-trainer course for the Ending the Game training, including McMahon.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

This agenda item was not discussed.

Adjourn

Motion: Dunn moved, second by McMahon, to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.